

## Australian Military Ranks






| Australian Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |                             |             |                       |      |
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| <i>Military Rank Equivalents</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                             |             |                       |      |
| Sharing Information About Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                             |             |                       |      |
| <p>Military rank (or rank) is a system of listing the seniority and command (degree of decision-making responsibility) within military organizations. The following are rank equivalents in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) three service branches: Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).</p> |         |                             |             |                       |      |
| Officer Ranks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         |                             |             |                       |      |
| AIR FORCE (RAAF)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         | ARMY                        |             | NAVY                  |      |
| Air Chief Marshal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ACM     | General                     | GEN         | Admiral               | ADML |
| Air Marshal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | AIRMSHL | Lieutenant General          | LTGEN       | Vice Admiral          | VADM |
| Air Vice-Marshal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | AVM     | Major General               | MAJGEN      | Rear Admiral          | RADM |
| Air Commodore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | AIRCDRE | Brigadier                   | BRIG        | Commodore             | CDRE |
| Group Captain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | GPCAPT  | Colonel                     | COL         | Captain               | CAPT |
| Wing Commander                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | WGCDR   | Lieutenant Colonel          | LTCOL       | Commander             | CMDR |
| Squadron Leader                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | SQNLDR  | Major                       | MAJ         | Lieutenant Commander  | LCDR |
| Flight Lieutenant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | FLTLT   | Captain                     | CAPT        | Lieutenant            | LEUT |
| Flying Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | FLGOFF  | Lieutenant                  | LT          | Sub Lieutenant        | SBLT |
| Pilot Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PLTOFF  | 2nd Lieutenant              | 2LT         | Acting Sub Lieutenant | ASLT |
| Officer Cadet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | OFFCDT  | Staff Cadet / Officer Cadet | SCDT / OCDT | Midshipman            | MIDN |





## Other Ranks




| AIR FORCE (RAAF)<br>Airmen                |         | ARMY                                 |                | NAVY<br>Non-Commissioned<br>Officers & Sailors |      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|------|
| Warrant Officer<br>of the Air Force       | WOFF-AF | Warrant Officer                      | WO             | Warrant Officer<br>of the Navy                 | WO-N |
| Warrant Officer                           | WOFF    | Warrant Officer<br>Class 1           | WO1            | Warrant Officer                                | WO   |
| ...                                       |         | Warrant Officer<br>Class 2           | WO2            | ...                                            |      |
| Flight Sergeant                           | FSGT    | ...                                  |                | Chief Petty<br>Officer                         | CPO  |
| no equivalent                             |         | Staff Sergeant                       | SSGT           | no equivalent                                  |      |
| Sergeant                                  | SGT     | Sergeant                             | SGT            | Petty Officer                                  | PO   |
| Corporal                                  | CPL     | Corporal /<br>Bombardier             | CPL /<br>LBDR  | Leading<br>Seaman                              | LS   |
| no equivalent                             |         | Lance Corporal /<br>Lance Bombardier | LCPL /<br>LBDR | no equivalent                                  |      |
| Leading<br>Aircraftman /<br>Aircraftwoman | LAC /W  | Private Proficient                   | PTE(P)         | Able Seaman                                    | AB   |
| Aircraftman /<br>Aircraftwoman            | AC /W   | Private                              | PTE            | Seaman                                         | SMN  |

## ARMY

### Insignia








| General Ranks of the Australian Army                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Field Marshal (FM)                                                                                                     | General (GEN)                                                                       | Lieutenant<br>General (LTGEN)                                                       | Major<br>General (MAJGEN)                                                            | Brigadier General<br>(until 1922)                                                     |
|  <p>(British FM insignia shown)</p> |  |  |  |  |

| Senior Officer Ranks of the Australian Army                                       |                                                                                   | Field Grade Officer Ranks of the Australian Army                                   |                                                                                     |
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| <b>Brigadier (BRIG)</b><br>(Since 1922)                                           | <b>Colonel (COL)</b>                                                              | <b>Lieutenant<br/>Colonel (LTCOL)</b> <sup>1</sup>                                 | <b>Major (MAJ)</b> <sup>1</sup>                                                     |
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| Company Grade Officer Ranks of the Australian Army                                 |                                                                                    |                                                                                      |
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| <b>Captain (CAPT)</b> <sup>1</sup>                                                 | <b>Lieutenant (LT)</b> <sup>1</sup>                                                | <b>Second<br/>Lieutenant (2LT)</b> <sup>1</sup>                                      |
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| Officer Cadet/Officer Trainee Ranks of the Australian Army |                                        |
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| <b>Officer Cadet (OCDT)</b>                                | <b>Staff Cadet (SCDT)</b> <sup>2</sup> |

## Insignia













| Warrant Officer Ranks                                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
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| Warrant Officer (WO) appointed<br>Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army (RSM-<br>A)                               | Warrant Officer Class One<br>(WO1)                                                  | Warrant Officer Class Two<br>(WO2)                                                  |
|                                  |    |  |
| Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Ranks                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
| Staff Sergeant (SSGT)                                                                                             | Sergeant (SGT)                                                                      |                                                                                     |
|                                  |  |                                                                                     |
| Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Ranks                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
| Corporal (CPL) / Bombardier (BDR)                                                                                 | Lance Corporal (LCPL) /<br>Lance Bombardier (LBDR)                                  |                                                                                     |
|                                 |  |                                                                                     |
| Private Soldier Ranks                                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
| Sapper (SPR) / Private (PTE) / Trooper (TPR) / Gunner (GNR) / Signalman (SIG) / Craftsman (CFN) / Musician (MUSN) |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
| No rank insignia                                                                                                  |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |

## AIR FORCE

### Insignia

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Note: NATO 'OF' codes are different to US 'O' and 'E' codes as used above

| NATO Code<br>RAAF Code | OF-10<br>-                                                                          | OF-9<br>O-10                                                                        | OF-8<br>O-9                                                                         | OF-7<br>O-8                                                                         | OF-6<br>O-7                                                                         | OF-5<br>O-6                                                                         | OF-4<br>O-5                                                                         | OF-3<br>O-4                                                                          | OF-2<br>O-3                                                                           | OF-1<br>O-2                                                                           | OF-1<br>O-1                                                                           | Student Officer<br>Officer Cadet                                                      |
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|                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rank                   | Marshal of the RAAF                                                                 | ACM                                                                                 | AIRMSHL                                                                             | AVM                                                                                 | AIRCDRE                                                                             | GPCAPT                                                                              | WGCDR                                                                               | SQNLDR                                                                               | FLTLT                                                                                 | FLGOFF                                                                                | PLTOFF                                                                                | OFFCDT                                                                                |

### AIR FORCE



Warrant Officer of the Air Force  
WOFF-AF



Warrant Officer  
WOFF



Flight Sergeant  
FSGT



Sergeant  
SGT



Corporal  
CPL



Leading Aircraftman/  
Aircraftwoman  
LAC/W



Aircraftman/  
Aircraftwoman  
AC/W